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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

Regarding the balance of progress and obstacles in the context of the last year of implementation towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals, progress has been made as humanity has never before achieved to benefit the entire planet and disadvantaged human beings. We congratulate all who have been involved in this effort: the United Nations, Member States, NGOs and the rest of humanity to have come this far.

For this reason, we consider that we must continue moving towards the Millennium Development Goals in a second phase after 2015, keeping the same goals while improving the current ones, so we will reach them in time. This is the right way, although it could be improved and for which we propose another 25 years.

There are already numerous studies, researches and insights that have been achieved by NGOs, Governments, the United Nations and many institutions around the world, in relation to the Millennium Development Goals and their performance, successes and shortcomings. We must move forward correcting deficiencies and completing what is still missing.

The goal of reformulating the Millennium Development Goals, to move towards a world without poverty, with a second reduction by another 900 million people that live in extreme poverty (income below $1 a day) must be achieved in the 25-year cycle starting now. We must also improve the economy of poor people (from $1 to $10 per day) living in extreme poverty.

This proposal for the first objective of the Millennium Development Goals, must also be considered for the other seven goals, including the participation of NGOs working in the corresponding fields. The Federación Internacional de Asociaciones de Ayuda Social Ecológica y Cultural proposes among the new targets to lead the world towards a global economy focused on the welfare of all human beings in which the purpose of the economy is wellness and all human basic needs (health, education, livelihood, progress, environment, etc.) are met. It should also determine limits to the free market to support a sustainable environment and economy. Extreme inequality in the distribution of the world's resources and wealth should lead us to question the current development model.